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KNIGHT, JESSE (son of Newel Knight and Lydia Goldthwaite). Born Sept. 6, 1845, at Nauvoo, Ill. Came to Utah Oct. 13, 1850, Edward Hunter company. Married Amanda Melvina McEwan Jan. 18, 1869, at Salt Lake City (daughter of John McEwan and Amanda Higbee, born May 26, 1826, in Chestnut county, Ohio, pioneers 1848). She was born Nov. 13, 1851. Their children: Lydia Minerva b. May 20, 1870, d. 1888; Oscar Raymond b. April 8, 1872, m. Isabel Smith, m. Lottie Hengeler; Jesse William b. Aug. 20, 1874, m. Lucy Jane Brimhall; Amanda Inez b. Sept. 8, 1876, m. R. Eugene Alien; Jennie Pearl b. Nov. 7, 1885, m. W. Lester Mangum Sept. 6, 1905; Addie Iona b. Dec. 18, 1891, m. Knight Starr Jordan Sept. 1, 1913. Family home Provo, Utah.

High priest. Founder of the town of Raymond, Canada; built first sugar factory in Northwest Territory, being second sugar factory in Canada. President of all the Knight Investment Company's industries: sugar company, power company, woolen mills, smelter company, Iron Blossom mining company, Colorado mining company, Beck Tunnel, Black Jack and Dragon Consolidated Mining Companies; railroad, reservoir, light and irrigation companies. Served the party in many capacities and was unanimously nominated as democratic candidate for Governor of Utah, but refused to accept. Large contributor to church and charity. Prime mover and principal contributor in the founding of Maeser Hall of the Brigham Young University at Provo. Director Utah Pioneer Book Publishing Co.

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HEN he was five years old, with his mother and her family of seven children, he arrived in Utah, a settlement three years old, one thousand and miles from the nearest town. His father died a few days journey westward from the Missouri River.

The homes in Utah at that time were improvised shelters, there were no public and few private schools, and the needs of home were never satisfied. From every angle that could fall to a boy and a man, under such surroundings these surrouindings he grew to manhood and fatherhood. He tasted life from Mormon, he had not been classified as a Latter-day Saint, he had not "had a testimony"; in other words, he had not been convinced as to the truth of the religion many";

Smith was a prophet of God. That Joseph Smith was a prophet of God; also, that if he went to a certain place (indeedly impeded on his mind), that he would find a great victim of rich mineral, a mine. He followed the instructions given him in his dream, which took him to the now well-known Bluffka mining district. There, away up on the mountain, he found the spot he had seen in his dream, and he uncovered the vein which led to a vast mineral body, which was opened up, only by much hard labor and many vicissitudes. Many times, for the lack of provisions, he would have to stop his work, but he never lost faith in his dream, and would return and continue his work, until he had saved the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, who prophesied that "he (Jesse Knight) would save the Church's credit." Not long afterwards he (Jesse Knight) gave to President Woodruff, who paid the interest on the Church's notes, the interest was nearly due, the country was in a panic and money almost impossible to get. The first ear of ore came from the mine and gave much greater value than was expected. When the miners and debtors remitted to the production of ore had been paid, there was ten thousand dollars remaining, which amount, Mr. Knight gave to President Woodruff, who paid the interest on the Church's notes, and its credit was saved.

From thence on, he knew the truth of dreams, visions and prophecies, that Joseph Smith was a prophet of God and that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was the restoration of God's Church on the earth.

There are many pages in the history of Mr. Knight's life that forces one to believe that the hand of Providence guides our way.

He has a Christian, upright family, is in possession of great wealth, and is honored by his fellowmen. Truly endowed, many a man is raised above the multitude. It causes him to forget the griefs and hardships that the less fortunate bear. Not so with Jesse Knight—he has not changed—he bears the cry of the needy, has sympathy for those in sorrow, his heart throbs with sentiment and love for human kind, which gives him a mannerism, a receptiveness and a simplicity that makes one know that the Spirit of Jesus Christ is reflected in man on earth.

He is a beloved father, an honored citizen, a kind, assisting friend, a public benefactor, a Christian.